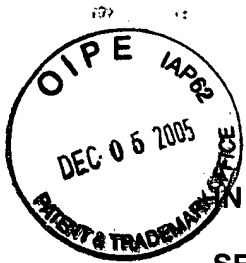




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Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of November 7, 2005. A shortened statutory period for response expires one month or 30 days (whichever is longer) from the date of said Notice, on December 7, 2005. This response is made November 29, 2005 by the Certificate of Mailing procedure provided for in Rule 1.8 and is therefore timely.